

**TOWN OF ELSMERE
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
April 30, 2025
6:00 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Personti called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

MOMENT OF SILENCE:

ROLL CALL:

MAYOR	JOANN I. PERSONTI	PRESENT
1 ST DISTRICT	JANE MCDANIEL	PRESENT
2 ND DISTRICT	SALLY JENSEN	PRESENT
3 RD DISTRICT	MARY STEPPI	PRESENT
4 TH DISTRICT	CHARLES MCKEWEN	PRESENT
5 TH DISTRICT	VACANT	VACANT
6 TH DISTRICT	DAWN DIBIASO	PRESENT

Town Solicitor, James McMackin – Excused
Stephanie Ballard, Esq. - Present
Chief of Police, Laura Giles – Present
Town Manager, Steven Martin – Present
Finance Director, Valarie Strzempa – Excused

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Pursuant to 29 Del. C. Section 10004(b)(4), the Mayor and Council will adjourn into an executive session for strategy discussions, including legal advice or opinion from an attorney-at-law, with respect to pending or potential litigation and collective bargaining.

ACTION: A motion was made by Councilwoman Jensen to adjourn into an executive session. The motion was seconded by Councilman McKewen.

VOTE: 6-0 with 1 Vacant All-in-Favor Motion Carried

RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION:

Mayor Personti called the meeting back into public session at roughly 6:25 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

Potential vote on the Collective Bargaining Agreement with Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #1 for the Elsmere Police Department.

ACTION: A motion was made by Councilwoman Jensen to accept and approve the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #1 Collective Bargaining Agreement for July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028 as discussed in executive session. The motion was seconded by Councilman McKewen.

VOTE: 6-0 with 1 Vacant All-in-Favor Motion Carried

A brief discussion was held and Mayor Personti thanked the officers involved in the negotiations. A few moments were taken to sign the agreement.

STATEMENTS SUBMITTED BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL:

Mayor Personti stated that at the upcoming Council meeting to be held on Monday, May 5, 2025, she will be sworn in by Town Solicitor Jim McMackin.

Councilwomen McDaniel and Jensen stated they are also going to be sworn in by Town Solicitor Jim McMackin.

Mayor Personti stated that a Justice of the Peace would not be required in this case for swearing in. Additionally, she announced there will be light refreshments at this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

ACTION: A motion was made by Councilman McKewen to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman DiBiaso.

VOTE: 6-0 with 1 Vacant All-in-Favor Motion Carried

These minutes summarize the agenda and other issues discussed at this Council Meeting. Votes are recorded accurately. The audio recording of this meeting will be available at Town Hall for a period of two years from the date these minutes are approved. The audio recording may be reviewed at Town Hall by appointment and in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.


JOANN I. PERSONTI
MAYOR


SALLY JENSEN
SECRETARY